

## MARYLAND CHARTER.

“ Usu, Lege vel Consuetud’, aut aliquā al’ Re, Causā vel Mater’ in contrar’  
 “ inde antehabit’, fact’, edit’, ordinat’ seu provis’, in contrar’ inde in aliquo non  
 “ obstan’: Ac eidem Baroni de Baltimore, & Hæred’ suis particulas aliquas  
 “ terrar’ infra Provinc’ prædict’ in Maneria erigere, & in Maner’ eorum singulis  
 “ habere & tenere Curiam Baron’ ad omn’, quæ ad Cur’ Baron’ pertinent & Vis’  
 “ francipleg’ ad conservationem Pacis, & melius Partiu’ illaru’ Regimen, per se  
 “ & Seneschallos suos, vel alior’ Maner’ illorum cum constitut’ fuerint Dominos  
 “ pro tempore existen’ depurand’ habere & custodire; & in eisdem omnibus  
 “ uti ad Vis’ francipleg’ pertinen’, Licentiam damus & concedimus per præ-  
 “ sentes; ”

And of erecting Manors.  
Freedom from all Impositions &c. by the King.

“ A c ulterius Volumus, ac per Præsentes pro Nob’ Hæred’ & Successoribus  
 “ Nostris Convenimus & Concedimus ad & cum præfat’ modò Barone de Baltimore,  
 “ Hæred’ & Assign’ suis, quòd Nos, Hæred’ & Successor’ Nostr’ nullo tempore  
 “ in posterum alias Imposition’, Custum’ aut al’ Taxation’, Quotas seu Contribu-  
 “ tion’ quascunq; imponemus aut imponi faciemus aut causabimus in aut super  
 “ Incolas aut Inhabitan’ Provinciæ prædict’, pro Bonis Terr’ vel Tenementis suis,  
 “ infra eandem Provinciam, aut super aliqua Terr’, Tenementa, Bona seu Catalla  
 “ infra Provinc’ prædict’, aut in aut super aliqua Bona vel Merchandiza infra  
 “ Provinc’ prædict’, aut infra Port’ aut Navium Station’ dictæ Provinc’ onerand’  
 “ seu exonerand’: Et hanc declarationem Nostram in omnib’ Cur’ & Prætorijs, &  
 “ coram quibuscunq; Judic’ Nostris, Hæred’ & Successorum Nostrorum pro suf-  
 “ ficien’ & legitimâ Liberatione, Solutione, & Acquietanc’, inde de tempore in  
 “ tempus recipi & allocari Volumus, ac pro Nob’ Hæred’ & Successor’ Nostris, Ju-  
 “ bemus & Mandamus: Præcipientes omnib’ & singul’ Officiar’ & Ministris Nostris,  
 “ Hæred’ & Successorum Nostror’, et sub gravi Indignatione injungend’, ne quid  
 “ in contrar’ Præmissor’ ullo unquam Tempore attemptare audeant, aut eisdem  
 “ ullo Modo contraveniant’, sed prefat’ modò Baroni de Baltimore & Hæred’  
 “ suis, ac præfat’ Provinc’ de Terra Mariæ Incolis & Mercator’, prædict’ eorumq;  
 “ Servis, Ministris, Factor’ & Assign’, in plenissimo hujus Chartæ Nostræ Usu &  
 “ Fruitione omni tempore auxilientur & assistant, prout decet.”

Independent of any but the Crown of England.

“ Et ulterius Volumus, ac per Præsentes, pro Nobis, Hæred’ & Successor’ Nostris  
 “ concedimus præfat’ modò Baron’ de Baltimore, Hæred’ & Assign’ suis & dictæ  
 “ Provinciæ Terræ Tenentibus, Habitatoribus præsentib’ & futur’, & singul’ eor’,  
 “ Quod Provinciæ prædict’ terræ Tenentes, vel Incolæ ejusdem Coloniæ aut Pa-  
 “ triæ, vel terræ Virginie, aut alicujus alter’ Coloniæ deducunt’ vel deducend’  
 “ Membrum vel Pars de cætero non habeantur vel reputentur, aut de eisdem  
 “ dependen’ sint, aut eor’ Regimini subsint in aliquo, ipsamq; & ipsos ab eisdem  
 “ seperamus, & separatos esse Volumus per præsentes; ac quod Coronæ Nostræ  
 “ Angliae immediatè sint subjecti, & de eadem dependentes imperpetuum.”

“ Et si fortè imposterūm contingat Dubitationes aliquas aut Quæstiones circa  
 “ verum Sensum & Intellectum alicujus Verbi, Clausul’, vel Sententiæ in hac  
 “ præsenti Chartæ Nostræ content’ generari, eam semper & in omnib’ Interpretationem  
 “ adhiberi, & in quibuscunq; Curiis & Prætoriis Nostris obtinere Volumus  
 “ Præcipimus & Mandamus, quæ præfat’ modò Baroni de Baltimore, Hæred’ &  
 “ Assign’ suis, benignior, utilior, & favorabilior esse judicabitur. Proviso semper,  
 “ quòd nulla fiat Interpretatio, per quam Sacro Sancta Dei & verè Christiana  
 “ Religio, aut Ligeancia Nobis, Hæred’ & Successor’ Nostris debit’, Minutione,  
 “ Præjudicio vel Dispens’ in aliquo patiantur’.”

“ E o quòd expressa Mentio de vero Valore annuo, vel decertitudine Præmis-  
 “ for’ sive eor’ alicujus, aut de al’ Donis sive Concessionib’ per Nos, seu per ali-  
 “ quem